PRESIDENT : If the member asks information about the number of appointments made, caste by caste, then I must say that I am not aware of any caste among Christians.

Mortality among Cattle in Vaikam.

154. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are in a position to supply the figures for the last five years of buffaloes and cattle that died of epidemics in Vechur, Vadayar and other places in the Vaikam taluk?

(2) Has the Director of Agriculture or any other officer of the Government sent up any report to them on the appalling state of mortality among cattle in the taluk of Vaikam?

(3) Are not the Government aware that the cultivation of *kari* lands and other marshy places is impossible without a good supply of buffaloes?

(4) Are they aware of any extent of *kari* land at Vaikam left unregistered and intended for the rearing of buffaloes?

(5) Will they be pleased to make an immediate enquiry into the matter and find a speedy remedy against this constant danger to cultivation in the taluk?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(1) Government are not in a position to furnish the information, as there is no agency for the collection of these statistics.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) Buffaloes are necessary for ploughing *kari* lands.

(4) In connection with the disposal of lands set apart as cattle *porambokes* in the State, Government have ordered that an extent of 457·51 acres of land partaking of the nature of *kari* soils at Porakad, and comprised in Survey No. 417/1 D. of the Talayazham *pakuthi*, Vaikam taluk, should be reserved for growing *eera* grass for putting up bunds on *punja* lands, and to serve as pasture grounds for buffaloes. Government are not aware of any other land reserved as pasture ground for buffaloes.

(5) The matter will be enquired into.

Appointments in the Co-operative Department.

155. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:

(*a*) a statement, caste by caste, of appointments, in the Department of Co-operative Societies; and

(*b*) a similar statement of appointments made or recommended up to the 30th Kanni, 1101, by the present Head of that Department since he took charge of its direction?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(*a*) and (*b*) The statements* required by the member are placed on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix VIII A and B—pages 504 and 505.

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Appendix VIII B.

Statement of appointments made and recommended up to 30th Kanni 1101 by the present Head of the Co-operative Department.

Designation.	Hindus.											Mussalmans.	Christians.					Others.	Total.
	Brahmin (Malayala).	Brahmin (Others).	Nadar.	Ezhava	Kammala.	Kshatriya (Malayala).	Nayar.	Pulaya.	Other depressed classes.	Vellala.	Other Hindus.		Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Syrian.				
															Jacobites.	Reformed.	Romo-Syrian.		
Inspectors ...	...	2	...	...	...	1	4	..	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	12
Clerks ...	...	2	...	†1	...	...	1	...	...	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total ..	...	4	...	1	...	1	5	...	...	5	1	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	22